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SUBJ: ICCS: HOW HUNGARIANS KEEP BUSY

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1. ONE MEMBER OF HUNGDEL IS LASZLO ROBERT WHO, AS FAR AS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE, HAS WORKED FOR TEN YEARS FOR HUNG TV IMMEDIATELY BEFORE ICCS ASSIGNMENT. ROBERT IS SMOOTH AND POLISHED, FACILE IN ENGLISH AND FLUENT IN FRENCH. SOME OF HIS PREVIOUS TV WORK HAS APPARENTLY BEEN ALONG LINES OF SOCIOLOGICAL STUDIES OF HOW FRENCH, ITALIANS, AND OTHER WEST EUROPEANS LIVE.

2. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHAT ROBERT HAS BEEN DOING IN SAIGON AND VIETNAM, ALTHOUGH HE HAS AND USES GOOD QUALITY PROFESSIONAL EQUIPMENT (MOVIE CAMERA AND TAPE RECORDER). TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF DELEGATION (NAMES NOT AVAILABLE) APPEAR TO HAVE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, AND ONE OF THESE, WHO SPEAKS SOME INDONESIAN, APPARENTLY WORKED IN TV IN JAKARTA AT SOME TIME IN THE PAST.

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3. ROBERT MAKES NO SECRET OF THE FACT HE IS SUPPLYING FILM AND

COMMENT TO HUNG TV FROM SAIGON. HE RECENTLY ORGANIZED A FILMING OF NON-HUNGARIANS IN SAIGON WHO SPEAK HUNG AT A LUNCH AT THE CERCLE SPORTIF, ATTENDED BY EMBOFF AND MEMBER OF INDODEL WHO SERVED PREVIOUSLY IN BUDAPEST. ROBERT EXPLAINED TO PARTICIPANTS HE WAS TRYING FOR FIVE OR TEN MINUTE FILM WHICH WOULD BE HELPFUL IN GIVING HUNG AUDIENCE A FEW VIEWS ON THEMSELVES AS SEEN BY HUNG SPEAKING FOREIGNERS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IN ADDITION TO REPORT ON UTILIZATION OF LUNCH FILMING, EMB SAIGON WOULD APPRECIATE ANY OTHER COMMENTS ON HUNG TV COVERAGE SOUTH VIETNAM AND ICCS WHICH MIGHT EMANATE FROM ROBERT'S WORK. ROBERT ASSIGNMENT HERE, LIKE MATE'S (SAIGON 17142) MAY BE DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH PRODUCTION MATERIAL FOR PROPAGANDA USE.
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